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SUBJECT: POWERS OF ARREST RESTRICTED: WAITING TIME FOR  
PRESUMED DEATH REDUCED

1. PRESIDENT AMIN SIGNED AUGUST 27 THREE DECREES WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE THAT DATE. FIRST DECREE CANCELS CIVILIAN ARREST POWERS GRANTED ALL MEMBERS ARMED FORCES IN MARCH 1971 AND EXTENDED SEPTEMBER 1972. SECOND DECREE GIVES MILITARY POLICE POWER OF CIVILIAN ARREST. MILITARY POLICE NOW ONLY MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES WITH THESE POWERS. THIRD DECREE SHORTENS TO THREE YEARS (FROM SEVEN) WAITING PERIOD REQUIRED IN CASE OF PRESUMED DEATH.

2. PRESIDENT AMIN ADVISED MEMBERS OF PUBLIC TO RESIST STRONGLY IMPROPER ATTEMPTS AT ARREST BY ANY MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES WITH EXCEPTION OF MILITARY POLICE. HE SAID MANY BOGUS OFFICERS WERE ENGAGED IN ARRESTING OR KILLING INNOCENT CIVILIANS. IN CANCELLING POWERS OF ARREST FOR ARMED FORCES HE JUSTIFIED ORIGINAL GRANTING OF THESE POWERS DURING PERIOD AFTER COUP OF 1971 BY SAYING THAT AT THAT TIME SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF KONDOISM AND VIOLENCE EXISTED.

3. AMIN SAID CIVILIAN POLICE ARE NOT YET CAPABLE OF ASSUMING  
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PUBLIC SAFETY ALONE. THUS MILITARY POLICE WILL ASSIST AND HAVE

POWERS OF CIVILIAN ARREST. ANY CIVILIAN ARRESTED BY MILITARY POLICE MUST BE TURNED OVER TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES WITHIN 24 HOURS UNLESS CHARGED WITH CRIME TRIABLE BY MILITARY TRIBUNAL. IN SUCH CASES, ARRESTED PERSON MUST BE RELEASED AFTER 28 DAYS IF NOT SPECIFICALLY CHARGED. (OFFENCES TRIABLE BY MILITARY TRIBUNAL INCLUDE MOST CIVIL OFFENCES.)

4. REDUCTION IN WAITING TIME IN CASES OF PRESUMED DEATH FROM SEVEN TO THREE YEARS IS TO FACILITATE SETTLING OF ESTATES OF MANY UGANDANS WHO HAVE "DISAPPEARED" IN THE PAST 18 MONTHS. DECREE ALSO PROVIDES FOR MANAGEMENT OF PROPERTY OF MISSING PERSONS DURING THE THREE-YEAR INTERIM PERIOD.

5. FULL PRESS EXPLANATION OF DECREES AS THEY APPEAR IN LOCAL PRESS BY SEPAIR.

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